

Interview Summary	Application No. 09/118,730	Applicant(s)	BEAVERS et al.
	Examiner WHITE	Group Art Unit 1623	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview Jul 7, 1999

Type: Telephonic Personal (copy is given to applicant applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: Yes No. If yes, brief description:

Agreement was reached. was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: The claims of record

Identification of prior art discussed:

The prior art of record

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Applicants Representative argues that the prior art do not clearly establish the preparation of hyaluronic acid in free acid form. Applicants point to the sentence bridging column 4 and 5 of the Schultz et al patent (US 4,808,576) which indicates that the physical properties recited in the patent is base on the sodium salt of hyaluronic acid. Applicants also argue that the de Belder et al patent (US 4,88,787) use of hyaluronic acid with glacial acetic acid would be unnecessary if a true free acid form of hyaluronic acid was being used. It was agreed that a second 132 declaration would be presented which will establish that the hyaluronic acid in free acid form of the prior art is not a true free acid form of hyaluronic acid.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

1. It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph above has been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a response to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW.

2. Since the Examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action. Applicant is not relieved from providing a separate record of the interview unless box 1 above is also checked.

Examiner Note: You must sign and stamp this form unless it is an attachment to a signed Office action.